





to Slavery Society pledged \$50. The Plymouth Co. \$100. The Haverhill \$75.00 - The Groton \$50.00 - The Lowell Young men's \$50. The Andover \$100 - The Salem and vicinity \$100 - The Newburyport \$100. - The Lynn \$50. - The Amesbury & Salisbury \$25. The Holden \$15. - The Taunton \$50 - The Worcester N. Division \$100 - The Boston Wesleyan \$15.00. Besides the above-named societies, there were several individuals who subscribed liberally. Christopher Robinson of Lynn \$100 - Joseph Southwick of Boston \$25. John Sullivan \$10 Drury Fairbanks \$10 - Henry G. Chapman \$10 - and others, in smaller sums, enough to complete the amount of \$1045.

Now, if other Societies and friends of the cause in Massachusetts, would afford us as much in proportion to their ability, it is obvious we should receive all we need to carry on our operations, which surely have never been on too large a scale, and which ought, the coming year, to be rather enlarged, than contracted. For if the signs of the times do not greatly deceive us, the conflict is to be hereafter, not more against Slavery at the South, than for freedom at the North. Surely no intelligent Abolitionist can think, that now is the time to relax our exertions. The times are imperative upon us to stand fast by the principles, for which we have been contending. They alone can redeem our nation from destruction. Let no patriot - no Christian therefore - who has put his hand to the plough look back now.

I present to you, the above statement, by order of our Board of Managers - hoping it will receive your due consideration - and induce you, or the Society, with which you may be connected, or both, to contribute as you may be able to our aid. -

Yours in the cause of the  
oppressed - Samuel J. May  
Cor. Sec<sup>y</sup> of Mass<sup>ts</sup> A. S. Society.



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Dear Friend. -

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of October last, the Managers of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society addressed a circular letter to all the auxiliary Societies, and to many individual abolitionists in this State, exposing the pecuniary embarrassments of this Society, and soliciting assistance. - At our late annual meeting a similar expose and <sup>request</sup> ~~request~~ were made. - In consequence of these appeals, we have received enough to relieve us of more than half our debt. More than five hundred dollars remains to be paid - besides which an adequate provision is yet to be made for our current expenses. These cannot be less than \$3,500 per annum. Agents must be supported - and a considerable amount of books and pamphlets must be gratuitously distributed. These operations require a regular supply of funds. - We derive from the sales at the Office, and from the hire of the adjoining Hall, enough perhaps to pay the rent of these rooms, and to meet contingent demands. All other expenses - amounting as we have said above to \$3,500 a year - as well as the remainder of the debt, reported last October - must be provided for by a direct tax, imposed by themselves, upon those, who are interested in this righteous cause.

We were grateful - and you will be pleased to hear - that, at our Annual Meeting, very liberal contributions and subscriptions were ~~made~~ received. \$105 were collected on the spot - and 1045 dollars in pledges to be redeemed in the course of the current year. The Fall River An-



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